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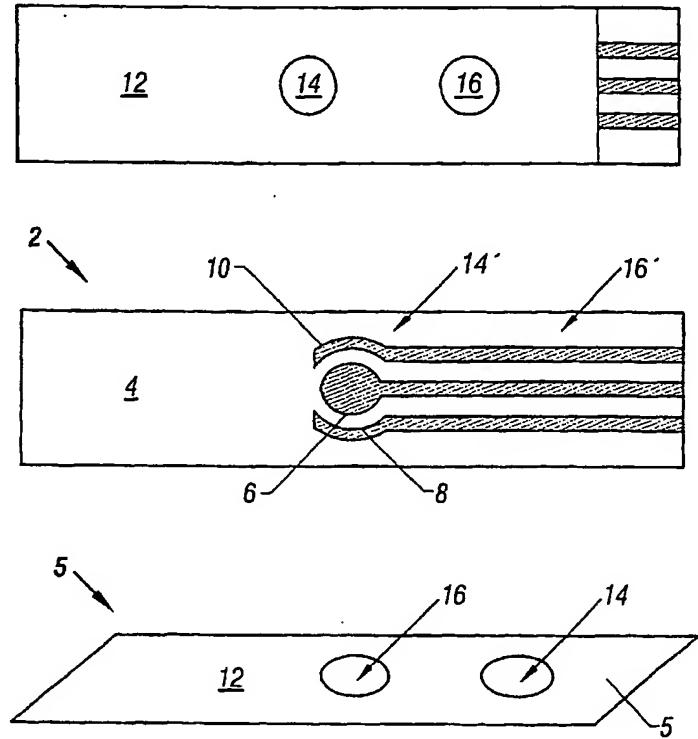
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(54) Title: DEVICES AND METHODS FOR DETECTING ANALYTES USING ELECTROSENSOR HAVING CAPTURE REAGENT



(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to devices comprising electrosensors containing capture reagents, their preparation thereof, and their use for detecting preferably, quantitative measurement, of analyte in a liquid sample. In particular, the invention relates to an enzyme electrosensor, e.g., electroimmunosensor, device for electrochemical detection and preferably, real-time measurement, which is suitable for use at point-of-care settings by unskilled personnel.

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Claims 1-7 (in part), 8-9, 10-15 (in part), 33 (in part), 35-38 (in part), 40 (in part), 44-46 (in part), 51-56 (in part), 58-69, 70 (in part) disclose an electrosensor device for detecting an analyte in a liquid, wherein the capture reagent is immobilized on the working electrode via a buffered organic solution containing a ketone or an aliphatic alcohol.

2. Claims: 1-7 (in part), 10-15 (in part), 16-32, 33 (in part), 34, 35-38 (in part), 39, 40 (in part), 41-43, 44-46 (in part), 47-50, 51-56 (in part), 57, 70 (in part), 71-74

Claims 1-7 (in part), 10-15 (in part), 16-32, 33 (in part), 34, 35-38 (in part), 39, 40 (in part), 41-43, 44-46 (in part), 47-50, 51-56 (in part), 57, 70 (in part), 71-74 disclose an electrosensor device for detecting an analyte, comprising a working electrode with a capture reagent immobilized thereupon, a sample application zone and a wicking member.

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